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As this was a clinical research study, all biostatistics used and presented in the manuscript were reviewed by two biomedical statisticians. We have included a statement in the Materials and Methods section affirming that statistical review was performed: "All statistical analysis was performed using STATA (v13.1, College Station, TX, USA) and reviewed by two biomedical statisticians."

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Bottero', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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